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## Selectmen's Minutes 07-19-2004

### TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, July 19, 2004  
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Mr. Hurd, Vice Chair, Mrs. Dias, Mr. Greeley, and Mr. Lyons.  
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Krepelka.

#### APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

1. Appointment: Field Maintenance and User Fee Study Committee  
 Stephen Moniak  
 James Robillard  
 Kevin F. Wall  
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
2. Appointments: Information Technology Advisory Committee  
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)  
 Mr. Hurd asked that an organizational meeting be set up over the next month through Mrs. Krepelka.
3. Reappointment: Conservation Commission  
 Nathaniel Stevens  
 (term to expire 7/19/07)  
 Mr. Lyons moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)  
 Mr. Stevens commented that no decisions concerning the Alewife Watershed proposal be made until new information is received from the D.C.R. (past info is from 20 years ago).

#### LICENSES & PERMITS

4. Discussion: Walgreens, Extended Hours, 6-Month Review  
 Alex Gutierrez, Walgreens, 324 Mass. Ave.  
 (tabled 6/14/04)  
 (all abutters notified)  
 Mr. Cronin, an abutter, reported there were no problems with the change in hours with Walgreen's and asked the Selectmen to be as selective with other future business requests.  
 Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
5. Request: Contractor's License  
 George W. Gately Inc., 23 Fairway Drive, Woburn  
 Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

6. Request: Eye Mobile in Front of Town Hall on 10/29, 10/30

Benton Warren, Arlington Lions Club

Mr. Warren requested permission to allow the Eye Mobile to be in front of the Town Hall on October 29<sup>th</sup> (8:00 am – 5:00pm) and October 30<sup>th</sup> (9:00am – 4:00pm).

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Request: One-hour Performance @ Jefferson Cutter House, 8/29/04

Zeev Ben-Shachar

Mr. Hurd moved to table until the 8/23/04 meeting when Mr. Ben-Shachar can attend.

8. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

There were no matters presented for consideration of the Board.

**TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS**

9. Discussion: Update Traffic Issues During DNC

Fred Ryan, Police Chief.

Chief Ryan reported there is a solid plan for the worst case scenario concerning traffic problems during the DNC.

Additional Police will be deployed at major intersections for the morning commute with even additional Police during the evening commute to control gridlock situations. There is also a plan to disperse real time communication to the local 911 immediately through a regional emergency operation center located in Woburn.

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

10. Discussion: Telecommunication Study Report

Stephen J. Gilligan/Paul E. Olsen

Mr. Gilligan summarized the comprehensive report by stating that TCM would be an outsource telecommunication management team that would perform all work regarding up grading the operating systems, the central processing Unit, and help format and develop the E911 data base. The critical issue is with the multiple entities, which must work together on this such as the Town's part, Verizon, RCN, Commonwealth of Mass E911 Commission and Community Safety dispatch.

The cost of the work is \$22, 815.00 but will

save the Town \$21,000.00 to \$35, 000.00. The money to fund this has already been appropriated by Town Meeting in the capital plan. The Board discussed that the new Technology Advisory Committee would be involved and that TCM would report to the Comptroller.

Mr. Lyons moved approval to support the Town Manager and Comptroller's recommendation to employ the services of TCM with approval of Town Counsel.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Greeley amended the motion to include that TCM send a report to the Technology Advisory Committee.

SO VOTED (5-0)

11. Approval: Rink Rates

Patsy Kraemer, Director, Human Services

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon thanked Mr. Jalbert for a job well done calling a field user meeting in order to get coverage for users.

12. Approval: General Obligation Bond \$ 3,980,000

Bond Anticipation Notes \$10,745,000

John J. Bilafer, Town Treasurer

Mr. Bilafer thanked the Board for coming in early to sign all the documents regarding the bond issues. He reported that everyone did a great job at the conference and that Arlington has an AA2 rating with Moody's and an AA2 rating with Standard and Poor's. They received the highest rating on the bonds. Although they were concerned with Arlington's draw down on reserve. The Budget Revenue Task Force will get involved with the reserve issue.

Mr. Lyons moved approval of the \$3.9 million bond loan for year 2004 to Corby Capital Markets at a 3.11% rate with a total price of \$4,022,243.45 million and accrued interest.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Lyons moved approval of the \$10,745,000.00 bond loan with a total interest cost of 1.5639% dated July 22, 2004 until July 21, 2005 by Bank of America Securities LLC.

SO VOTED (5-0)

13. Report: St. James & St. Jerome's Properties

Charles Lyons, Chairman, Affordable Housing

Laura Wiener, Director of Housing

Mrs. Mahon spoke to this issue stating a possible conflict of interest at the May Center.

Mr. Lyons stated that most of these buildings were paid for by Arlington resident donations. He recommends that the Town initiate an investigation into acquiring the properties even if by eminent domain because of 1) these two institutions have a profound impact on life in

Arlington and 2) appropriate public purposes for these properties. He is concerned with the

Archdiocese's quickness to sell these properties but recognized that in the past there has been a good working relationship with the archdiocese. Mr. Lyons asked Town Counsel to develop a process and talk to other Town Counsels and report back at the 8/23/04 meeting. The intent would be to insert an Article in the Spring Special Town Meeting. Mr. Hurd supports the effort to make sure these properties are developed in a responsible manner and preferably by the neighborhood. Mrs. Mahon asked that regardless of the outcome that the Board works with the May Center keeping them informed. Laura Weiner asked the Board to think about a planning process with people who are interested, not waiting for September, with the Selectmen support.

Mr. Lyons moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

14. Coalition Bargaining Update/Meeting with Town Manager

Diane M. Mahon, Chair, Board of Selectmen

Mr. Sullivan, the reported that the Unions ran into trouble drafting agreements so the Town drafted the agreements, which the Unions are reviewing. He reported that the draft incorporates all issues of the Unions and hopes to meet and resolve quickly. Mrs. Mahon expressed her desire to have the Unions speak to the Board. After much discussion on how bargaining should proceed and past meeting discussions/votes, it was agreed more discussion take place at the 8/23/04 meeting.

Mr. Hurd moved approval for an 8/23/04 discussion on the bargaining and to vote on how to proceed if all 5 Selectmen are present.

SO VOTED (5-0)

15. Discussion: Reprogramming of CDBG Funds

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Hurd moved to table.

SO VOTED (5-0)

16. Approval: MWRA Loan

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Lyons moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

17. Discussion: Comcast Community Access Project

Charlotte Pierce, Coordinator, Arlington Spanish Network

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

18. Update: Hepatitis A

Christine Connolly, Director, Board of Health

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of communications.

SO VOTED (5-0)

**Correspondence Received**

John Nadeau    Sewerage backup at intersection of Summer & Brattle Sts.                      Be Rec'd

Marc Draisen    Parish closures    Be Rec'd  
MAPC

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of correspondence.    SO VOTED (5-0)

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Greeley moved to appoint Mr. Lyons as the Board member to deal with the MAPC.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Greeley congratulated Mr. Lyons and everyone involved in the NLC Meeting held at the Town Hall.

Mrs. Krepelka reminded the Board a vote was needed to change the August meeting to 8/23/04.

Mr. Hurd moved approval of the meeting change to 8/23/04.    SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Hurd commented that it was a proud day for Arlington for the wonderful NLC Event that was held in Town.

Mr. Hurd reported that Paul Carroll, Arlington Little League, was very happy with the Buck Field conditions during the recent tournament. He also expressed an interest in talking with the Manager and Mr. Carroll concerning a way of improving the concession area at the field- possibly through fundraising.

Mr. Hurd acknowledged Mr. Sullivan for meeting with most leagues to find out their issues. He encouraged Mr. Sullivan to meet with all leagues.

Mrs. Mahon congratulated Christine Connolly on a great job she did handling the hepatitis outbreaks. Ms. Connolly reported she is increasing inspections and meeting with restaurant owners to train them.

Mrs. Mahon stated Town Night is September 10<sup>th</sup> and Town Day is September 11<sup>th</sup>. In being mindful of the day there will be a non-denomination commemorative 911 service at noon.

Mrs. Mahon requested anyone with donations such as sporting tickets etc. get in touch with her for a fundraiser that is being held for a friend's child who is terminally ill.

Mrs. Mahon reported she took part in an unsuccessful multi-community attempt in meeting with the Governor concerning promised sound barriers (along route 2).

Mr. Lyons reported that the state legislature would be refunding Arlington \$3.2 million from lottery funds, which is about 30% of what they cut in aid to Arlington this past year.

Mrs. Dias moved to adjourn at 9:25 PM.    SO VOTED (5-0)

**Executive Session**